

1 THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE
2 PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

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A tip section for customizing a cue stick, the tip section comprising:

- a. a hollow tube having a first end and a second end, the tube having an exterior providing a substantially smooth surface, the tube having a wall capable of self- support;
- b. a first attachment site adjacent to said first end for connecting said tube to a cue tip; and
- c. a second attachment site adjacent to said second end for connecting said tube to a butt section.

2. The tip section of claim 1 further comprising an augmenting element securable to an interior position within the hollow tube, said augmenting element being selected from the group comprising: a weight and a stiffening member; wherein placement of said augmenting element tailors an operational characteristic of the hollow tube.

3. The tip section of claim 2 wherein placement of said augmenting element in the interior position within the hollow tube is determined by a locator.

4. The tip section of claim 1 wherein the hollow tube is composed of a metal selected from the group consisting of lightweight steel, polished aluminum, magnesium alloy and stainless steel.

5. The tip section of claim 1 wherein said augmenting element is a stiffening member secured to an interior position within said hollow tube.

6. The tip section of claim 5 wherein said stiffening member is between 1 and 10 inches long.

1 7. The tip section of claim 6 wherein said stiffening member is composed of a material selected
2 from the groups consisting of wood, plastic, high-tensile metal, lightweight steel, aluminum,
3 103w magnesium alloy and stainless steel.

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5 8. The tip section of claim 1 wherein said augmenting element is a weight secured to an interior
6 102w position within said hollow tube.

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8 9. The tip section of claim 1 wherein the substantially smooth surface of the tube is selected of
9 the group comprising: chrome-plating, polished aluminum, titanium, high-gloss finish,
10 102w polishing.

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12 10. A tip section for customizing a cue stick, the tip section comprising:

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14 a. a hollow, chrome-plated steel tube having a first end and a second end, a hollow tube
15 having a first end and a second end, the tube having a wall capable of self- support;
16 b. a first attachment site adjacent to said first end for connecting said tube to a cue tip;
17 103w c. a second attachment site adjacent to second end for connecting said tube to a butt section;
18 d. an augmenting element securable to an interior position within the hollow tube, said
19 augmenting element being selected from the group comprising: a weight and a stiffening
20 member;
21 wherein placement of said augmenting element in the interior position within the hollow tube
22 is determined by a locator,
23 wherein placement of said augmenting element tailors an operational characteristic of the
24 hollow tube.

25 11. A kit for customizing a tip section of a cue stick, the kit comprising:

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27 a. a hollow tube having a first end and a second end, the tube having an exterior providing a
28 substantially smooth surface, the tube having a wall capable of self- support;
29 b. a first attachment site adjacent to said first end for connecting said tube to a cue tip; and
30 c. a second attachment site adjacent to second end for connecting said tube to a butt
section.

- 2 12. The kit of claim 8 wherein said kit further comprising an augmenting element securable to an
3 interior position within the hollow tube, said augmenting element being selected from the
4 group comprising: a weight and a stiffening member;
5 wherein placement of said augmenting element tailors an operational characteristic of the
6 hollow tube.
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8 13. The kit of claim 9 wherein placement of said augmenting element in the interior position
9 within the hollow tube is determined by a locator.
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